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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the originally filed drawing sheets 7 and 8 with the replacement sheets 7 and 8 attached herewith. Figures 9 and 10 have been amended to replace the word "seperation" with "separation".

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REMARKS

The Applicants have herein amended Claims 1, 3-10, 12-27, 39, 40, 42-49 and 51, canceled Claims 28-38, 41 and 52-54, and added Claims 55-65. New Claims 55-65 correspond to canceled Claims 28-38. Therefore, Claims 1-27, 39, 40, 42-51 and 55-65 are pending. The Applicants have carefully considered all of the Examiner's rejections and have amended the claim set to be allowable.

Priority

The Examiner notes that the disclosure of the prior-filed application, Application No. 60/502,253, fails to provide adequate support or enablement for one or more claims of the application and was not filed by an inventor or inventors named in the later-filed application. Applicants are no longer claiming priority to this application.

The Examiner notes that in order to claim priority to Application No. 60/432,691, the first sentence of the specification must state the priority claim. Applicants have amended the specification to include this priority claim.

Drawings

The Examiner notes, without objection, that the word "seperation" should be "separation". Applicants thank the Examiner for this observation. The drawings have been amended accordingly.

Specification

The Examiner objects to the title as not being sufficiently descriptive. Applicants have amended the title to the title suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Informalities

Applicants have amended the claim set to address the Claim Informalities noted by the Examiner.

Rejections under § 102 and § 103

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The Examiner stated that Claims 18-27, 41, 44 and 51 would be allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten independent Claims 1 and 39 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 41. Applicants are of the opinion that all pending claims are novel and unobvious.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request the same. If there is any further hindrance to allowance of the pending claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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